GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DAM ON GHAGGAR RIVER
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to construct a dam on Ghaggar river to meet requirement of water needs of Chandigarh region has been shelved;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other steps stipulated to overcome the future water needs of Chandigarh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The proposal to construct a dam on Ghaggar river to meet the requirement of water needs of Chandigarh region has been shelved by the Government of Haryana, as it was not in the interest of State of Haryana.

(c) As informed by the Union Territory of Chandigarh, the steps stipulated to overcome the future water needs of Chandigarh are:-

(i) Augmentation of Fourth Phase of WaterSupply to bring 20 MGD (Million Gallons per Day) from BhakraMain Line, which is under execution and likely to be commissioned by the end of the year 2005;

(ii) Addition of some new deep bore tube wells every year, most of them in lieu of abandoned/uneconomical ones; and

(iii) Recycling of sullage water treated upto tertiary level for irrigation of lawns, open spaces etc. in order to save drinking water.